

REMARKS

Claim 33 has been canceled. Claims 1, 26, and 34 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1, 3-5, 9-13, 26, 30-32, and 34-46 are pending.

The above amendments to the specification and claim 26 are believed to overcome the objection to the specification and the rejection under 35 USC 101.

Claims 1, 26, and 34 have been amended in a manner believed to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 33 contains allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 26, and 34 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 33, which formerly depended on claim 1. It is therefore believed that claims 1, 26, and 34 are allowable.

Claims 3-5, 9-13, and 30-32 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above. Likewise, claims 35-46 depend from claim 34 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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